



# Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

## Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2003 6:30 p.m.

City Hall - Mayor's Ceremonial Room

**Members Present:** Manuel Carrasco, Jay Dyer, Jacob Hernandez, Tom Martin, Ernie Hautala, Christina Duran, David McNiel, Marie Leggette, Claudia Johnson, Nancy Hart, Randy Akes, Jr., Cynthia Woods,

**Members Excused:** Barbara Brown, Rita Norton, Richard Burns, Dana Kruckenberg, Erin House, Carolyn Hart

**Members Unexcused:** Claudia Johnson, Marie Leggette, Phyllis Wells

**Guests:** William Turpin, Ralph Avila, D.E. Kessinger, Jack and Nanci Larsen, Gabrielle Mankin, Pat Thomas, Heather Troxel

**Staff:** Eva Yakutis-McNiel, Director of Office of Neighborhoods

### 1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

Manuel Carrasco called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Self -introduction of members and guests followed.

### 2. Approval of Minutes: Manuel Carrasco, Chairman

Motion to approve minutes of May 5, 2003.

(Martin/Dyer/Carried)

### 3. RNP Orientation

Eva Yakutis-McNiel gave a power-point overview of the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership, its history, mission, and programs and responsibilities of board membership followed by Q and A.

### 4. Office of Neighborhoods Update – CONFERENCE

Eva Yakutis-McNiel gave an update as to the status of the conference planning. Everything is on schedule, and the conference promises to be bigger and better than last year. More volunteers were requested, and Christina Duran, Marie Leggette, and Pat Thomas (guest) offered their help.

### 5. Future Agenda Items:

Suggested that George Flower attend a fall meeting and give the RNP and update as to the progress of the Evergreen Cemetery Steering Committee and any progress made towards rehabilitating it.

The Neighborhood Matching Grant committee met and has two recommendations for funding of grant applications. However, the item was not agendized for this meeting and will be for next month.

### 6. Other Business/Public comment

- Jacob Hernandez reported the start of a hardball project at Villegas Park and also a park advisory event slated for September 14.
- Ernie Hautala announced that he would be stepping down from the board after this meeting and thanked everyone for their friendship.
- Randy Akes, Jr., shared information about the July 5, 2003, car show and chili cook off taking place in the Arlington Community.
- 7. David McNiel announced that the homeless plan is going to the City Council tomorrow, June 3, at 6:30. Also reported that the philharmonic would again be performing on the lawn of the courthouse on July 4. **Next Meeting: June 2, 2003, 6:30pm**

### 8. Next Meeting is July 7.

### 9. Meeting adjourned

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